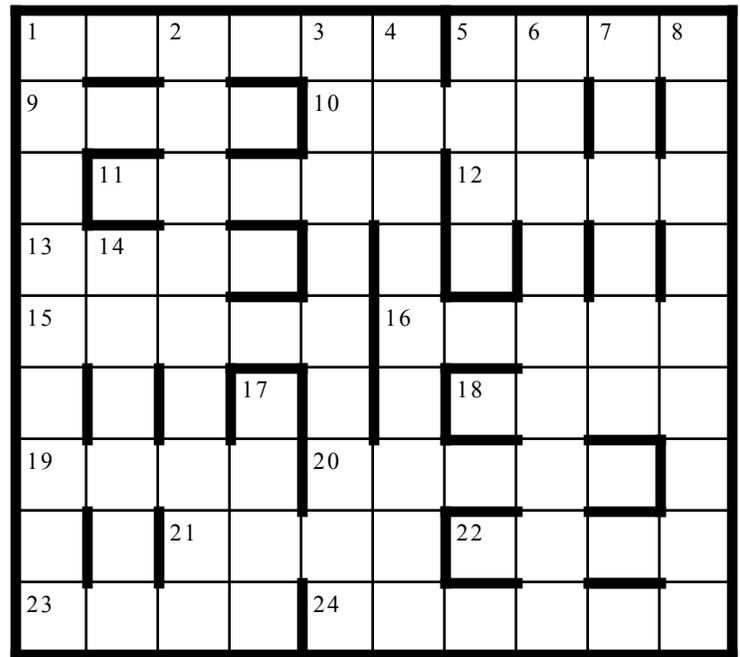


# Figuring Newton by Ucaoimhu

A guest has come to Greater Boston, which means I am schlepping out to Newton and back. In each Across clue, one letter must be made **new** before solving; the original letters, in *clue* order, will spell out a question that first sentence brings to mind, which is also a cryptic clue for a second such question. In the grid, shade every square containing a letter from the second question; interpreted a certain way, the shaded squares will answer it.

Each Down clue also has one letter that must be changed before solving; you must make **tons** of these letters. In *column* order, the original letters will say what the grid should now become; when this has been done, redo the shading to get another answer to the second question.



## ACROSS

1. Harmonizing is hasty 'n' nice, alternately (2 4)
5. Mao's name signifies "nail" (4)
9. Emus & cows uncovered a subatomic particle (4)
10. Bought on either side of Hawaii (a US state) (4)
11. Frank, who filmed *Arsenic and Old Lace* for *Warier Brothers* *Cooking a Carp* (5)
12. Zero's moon-shaped ulna (4)
13. Mr. Gore's peas initially penetrate mountains (4)
15. Very rude moths expressing truth (5)
16. That guy's eating 1/3 of hoagie as an alternative to saltires (2-3)
18. Fae never embraces Ms. Hathaway (4)
19. Tine damaged southern highway, ruining east and west as well (1-3)
20. Units measuring area of frostless, shiny coats (5)
21. Short, prosy, hard word before "Hashanah" (4)
22. Four Spanish couples I see holding Carl's hose (4)
23. Astatine appears after aeon? Swell (4)
24. Word from the refrain of "My Generation" or "Troy Destroyed a Kilt" (6')

## DOWN

1. Make ardent adults described by Frau's letter into lesser characters from *Timon* (9)
2. Swain that will begin softening each period drama on TV . . . (4 5)
3. . . . and nod on the one street heading away from the southwest (9)
4. Kane's complaints in church aren't originally utterances people can dance to (3-3-3)
5. Clinton's den, say (4)
6. Hooligan Hudson has goo that disgusts me and Ned endlessly (9)
7. No, man, I synthesized a membrane that holds birds, mammals, and reptiles at their winiest (6)
8. Not to be kept from first bin of eggplant found in father's school (4 3 2)
14. Starts to look upon terrible heap with hate (6)
17. Problem about mini ultimately paid for by Kay (4)